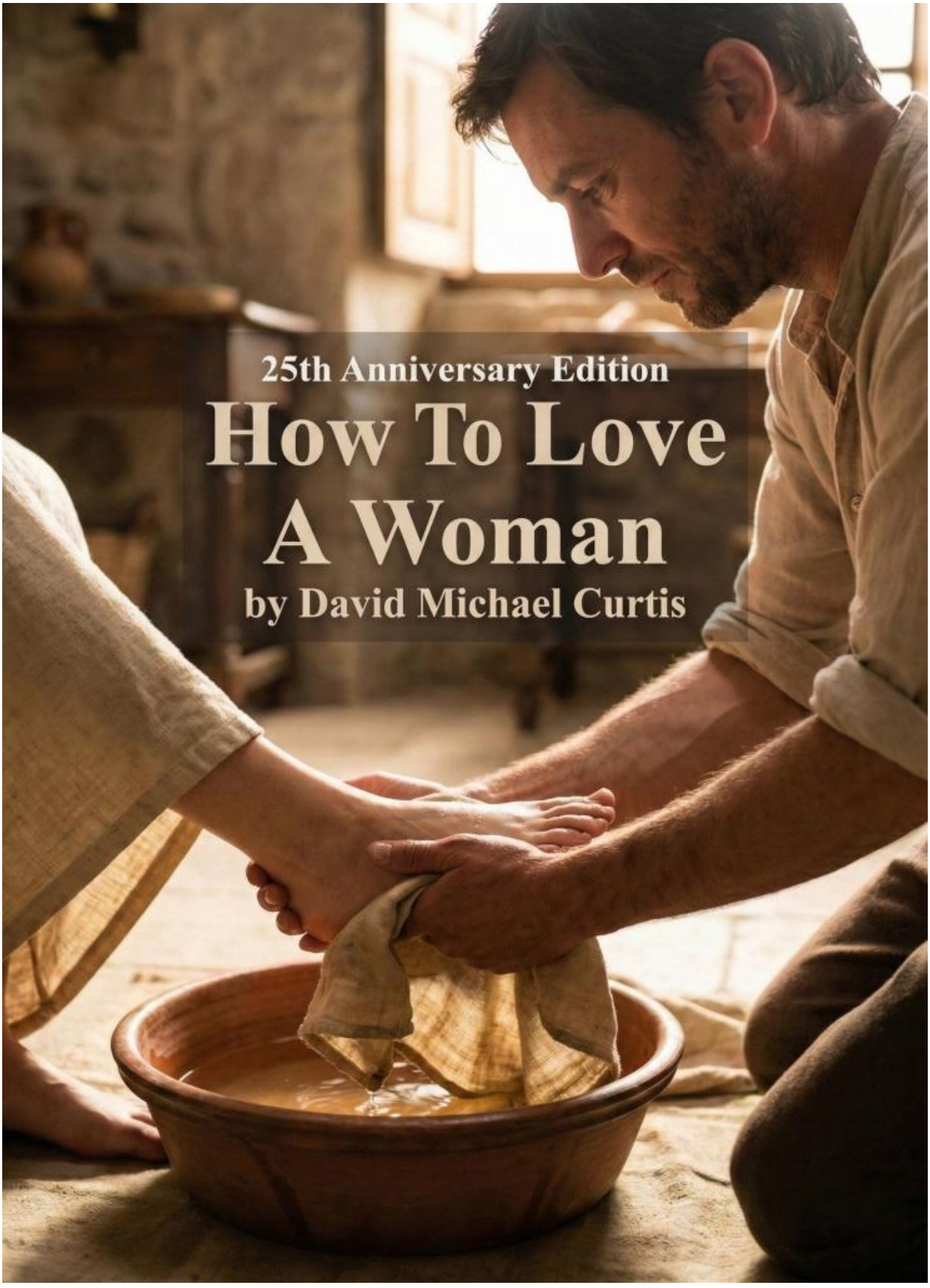
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Behind the Story of “How To Love A Woman”

The intimacy, communication, and "High Heat" dynamics depicted in this saga are not merely fiction—they are based on a real-world curriculum.

How To Love A Woman brings to life the theological and practical frameworks authored by **David Michael Curtis**. The dates, the "Symphony of the Hands," and the "Biographer" method are all adapted from his foundational work:

How to Know a Woman
A Husband's Guide to Capturing Her Story and Rediscovering Her Heart
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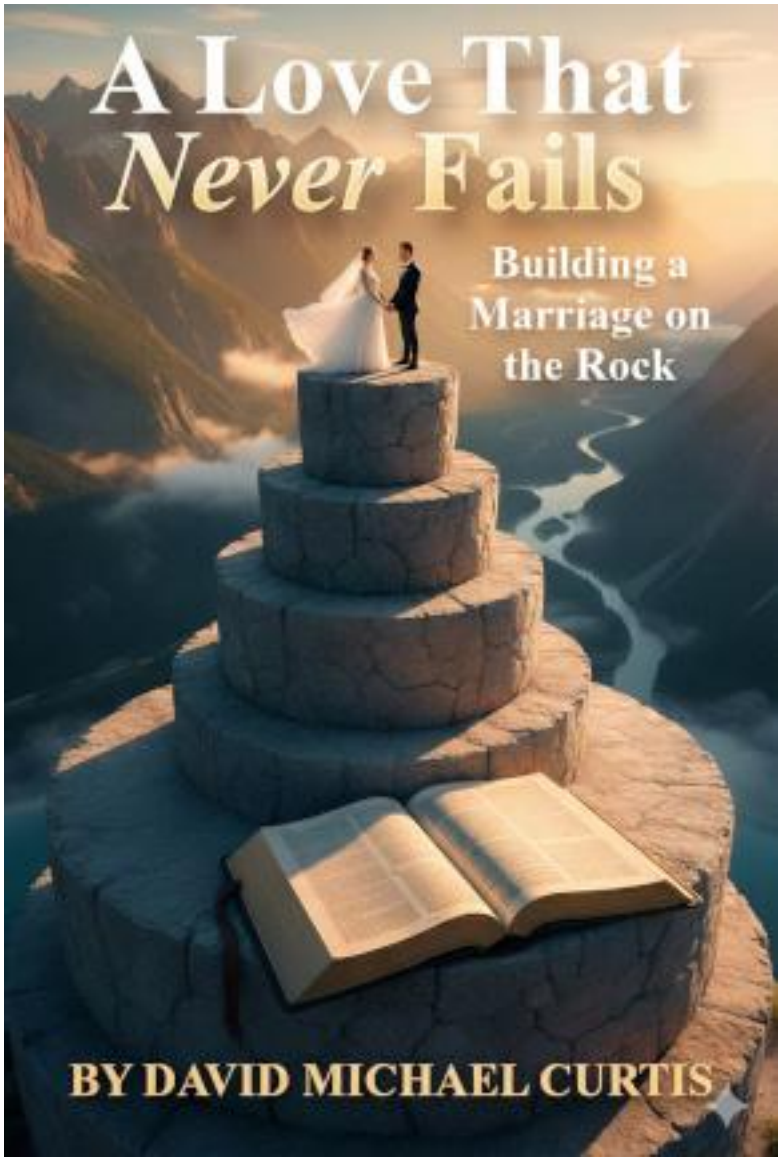

This comprehensive volume also includes two essential bonus texts that form the backbone of the series:

- ***The Garden Enclosed***
- ***How to Love a Woman*** *(25th Anniversary Edition)*

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About the Author

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David Michael Curtis has dedicated more than three decades to the intensive, topical study of the King James Bible. His work is not the product of a sudden idea but the culmination of a lifelong journey. Driven by a relentless passion for the Scriptures, he wore through the bindings of eleven leather-bound KJV Thompson Chain-Reference Bibles during his first seven years of study.

This deep dedication has been the driving force behind a lifetime of ministry, from teaching the Bible on the radio and serving as a volunteer chaplain in a maximum-security prison to developing his unique KJV Topical Bible Study Method.

His multi-volume series, encompassing both theological works and novels, is built upon a meticulously documented five-year archival project (2020-2025) that preserves a lifetime of work. When you read David's books, you access a lifetime of disciplined, verse-by-verse analysis designed to let the Word of God speak for itself.

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Many couples spend thousands of dollars and many hours seeking marriage help. They often sit in cold rooms and hear plain, dry advice from guides who do not see the God-given way our bodies work. The usual ways of helping couples often miss the pain of needing touch and the biblical command to care for one another.

When you read this work, you step away from the cold feel of an office. This work is a gift. It costs nothing. Yet, this is not just reading for fun. It will change how you look at yourself, your partner, and your bonds with others forever. It took months to write and pulls from years of work helping couples. Please do not miss out on what it offers. You get a full path to follow at your own speed. You are walking into a safe place. Here, behind closed doors, you can heal, learn, and grow in peace.

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The stories in this series show how that plan works in real life. Whether these characters face the stress of school, the pull of the nightlife, or the hard times of a long marriage, these stories show what it truly looks like to honor the borders God set.

You will see good men and true women practice holy self-control, waiting for the marriage bed before they share the final act of love. Yet you will also see the breathtaking truth of how adults can be close and still stay pure. Yes, men: it is not only okay to look at a woman and touch her, you should. It is a natural part of bonding with her.

In the modern age of dating, couples need physical closeness to grow, but they must do so without crossing the borders of her enclosed garden. These characters do not hide from their nature. They talk about their deepest needs and freely care for one another, showing that true passion needs the safety, trust, and lasting promise of marriage. In this series, the women remove their clothes and feel high heat, while the men remain clothed and practice holy self-control. Practicing this for months while dating prepares them for a lifetime of high-heat romance after marriage.

Read the guide to build the base. Read the stories to feel the fire. Welcome to the garden.

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About

"How to Love a Woman" is an eBook that has been in circulation on the internet since 2002. It was originally written for a Christian dating website, which shared it with all new members between 2002 and 2003. By 2004, millions of singles in over 109 countries had read "How to Love a Woman."

Forward

Originally written in 2002, it is published in this edition unchanged.

I want to give special thanks to all the wonderful people who have taken the time to write me encouraging letters inspired by this book. These letters have been a huge blessing to me. I thought I would share a couple of them in the hopes that they will encourage anyone reading this to read the whole book. I truly hope this book will bless many, many people. A special thank you to the women who wrote the following letters.

"I read your book... Quite frankly, I did not expect it to be anything 'to write home about'... To say I was impressed would be an understatement of the age. I was 'blown away by your knowledge of the innermost heart and mind of a woman, to see that you really know how a woman thinks and feels. This is rare in any Man, and one so young to have grasped this; I wondered, are these the words and sentiments of this 28-year-old young man, or is there an ancient sage with knowledge of the universe hidden behind the innocence of this youthful face?"

Another woman wrote,

"I have just finished reading your book "How to Love a Woman." What a breath of fresh air!!! You truly have a God-given talent for putting things into words. Your message is so inspiring that I wish there were some way for it to be spread to everyone around the world, especially couples about to be married."

Again, I appreciate all the encouragement. I hope this book is a great blessing to all those who read it.

David Michael Curtis

Introduction

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True maturity manifests in the deliberate choice to anchor one's heart in the well-being of another. To remain ensnared by self-interest is to linger in a state of emotional infancy; where love seeks to provide, lust seeks only to consume, driven by an appetite that ignores the soul of the beloved. While the architecture of emotion remains consistent across the human experience, a woman often possesses a transparency of spirit that a man may struggle to decipher. Too often, men operate in a vacuum of emotional perception, unaware of the internal weather their partners endure. This journey requires a fundamental recalmission of the mind—a shift from the gravity of "I" to a profound understanding of the woman standing before you.

A Woman Is Like A Cup

When a man honors his calling as a protector of her heart, ensuring her spirit is replenished with consistent, selfless affection, the result is a radiant harmony. She becomes his most profound earthly treasure, her disposition reflecting the security he provides. Conversely, when a man retreats into the shadows of his own desires, a hollow ache settles within her. This void is not silent; it manifests in a heavy, shadowed grief that colors her world. The visual guides within these pages serve as a map to these internal landscapes, charting the difference between a soul that is overflowing and one that is parched.

The Man Is The Lover, The Woman Is The Beloved

A flourishing marriage is not a matter of chance, but a byproduct of a man's willingness to inhabit his role with conviction. To desire a joyful companion requires the courage to be her primary source of devotion. To invite misery, a man need only remain passive. When the covenant of marriage begins to fray, the origin can almost invariably be traced back to the man's stewardship of the relationship.

He may present a ledger of grievances, a list of her failures that he believes justifies his distance. Yet, he rarely perceives how his own emotional withdrawal acted as the tilled soil in which those conflicts grew. The remedy is as ancient as it is absolute: a man must pour out love if he expects to find peace for them both. Devotion begets devotion; it is a spiritual certainty. Only through the catalyst of love is a heart truly awakened. Therefore, set aside your defenses, summon your resolve, and learn the art of loving the woman in your life without condition.

Inspiration: The Blueprint of the Heart

What does it truly mean to be inspired? Tonight, I found myself studying the architecture of language, leafing through the 1828 Webster's Dictionary. It defines the word with a striking weight: "INSPIRATION, n. [L. inspiro.] The infusion of ideas into the mind by the Holy Spirit; the conveying into the minds of men ideas, notices, or monitions by extraordinary or supernatural influence." It is the communication of the divine will to the human understanding through impressions that leave no room to doubt their celestial origin.

Why begin our conversation with such gravity? I want you to consider the specific catalysts that ignite that internal spark. Both the vastness of the natural world and the clarity of revelation serve as a testament to a higher devotion, acting as the bedrock for our faith. Yet, what stands above the horizon of all that exists? What truly constructs that soaring sense of inspiration within us? It is Love. When I envision what inspires me, I see that which is noble and valiant—a fortress of character that remains unshakeable against the encroaching night. Under its influence, I feel the pull to transcend my current self, much as a master builder yearns to raise a spire that scrapes the clouds.

What compels me to refine the blueprints of my own soul? It is the mandate of Love. It challenges us to expand, much as a dormant garden must eventually crest the stone walls of a courtyard. Love reaches into the quietest depths of the spirit, stilling the tremor of fear and smoothing the jagged edges of insecurity. It is not a fleeting preference; it is a fundamental necessity. Love is the ache for another, as vital to our survival as the rhythmic pull of oxygen into the lungs or a draught of cool water. There is but one Source for this pulse. "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8. This is the cornerstone—a sacred gift received from the hands of the Creator.

True Love: The Safe Sanctuary

The Scriptures do not merely present a theory of affection; they map the very marrow of what true love constitutes. I am not speaking of a fragile sentiment, but of the most enduring of all principles—the hearth-fire that sustains a home. The Lord provides these truths so that we might recognize ourselves as vessels meant to be filled until the rim overflows. Our purpose is to extend this same refuge to those standing in the cold, offering a sanctuary to the weary. These revelations are meant to beckon us toward a higher standard, mirroring the One who is Love incarnate. There is only one path to possess and distribute this celestial grace. "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Romans 5:5.

Envision a love that meets every unspoken requirement of your soul. Imagine a devotion that quietens every restless craving, anchoring you in a peace that surpasses explanation. See yourself being reconstructed by this grace, just as a weathered ruin is meticulously restored into a palace. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17. Most of us harbor the hope of finding a love that endures—a bond that remains standing after the gale has passed. True love is a different substance entirely from the impulse that ignites quickly and withers the moment the temperature drops. To

find this lasting bond, we must first harbor it within, understanding its weight before we can offer it to another. Only love has the power to wake love from its sleep.

The Erosion of the Home: 1880—2002

In the 1880s, the Church watched with mounting concern as five out of every one hundred marriages fractured into divorce. Today, the landscape has shifted until the ratio of unions to dissolutions has reached two to one. Society has begun to accept this fragmentation as an inevitability, as if the foundations were always meant to crumble. Recent data from the Centers for Disease Control suggests that maturity in a bride correlates with the longevity of the union, yet the broader trend remains grim. Men and women are retreating from the ideals of marriage, hesitant to lay the first stone of a permanent home for their hearts.

The number of couples cohabitating without the covenant of marriage continues a steady climb. Children growing up in single-parent households rose from 9% in 1960 to a staggering 28% by 2002, with the vast majority of those homes led by mothers navigating the struggle alone. These statistics are not merely numbers; they are the visible cracks resulting from a deficit of true love in our nation. The walls of our domestic sanctuaries are leaning because the mortar of selfless devotion has been washed away.

Love Never Fails

A single promise from Scripture stands as an unyielding bulwark against the rising tide of modern statistics. "Love never fails," as declared in 1 Corinthians 13:8. It bears repeating with solemn conviction: *Love never fails.* In a home where a genuine, sanctified affection for God and spouse remains the cornerstone, the failure rate is nonexistent. Why does this truth endure? Because the essence of divine love is incapable of collapse. While the remedy for a fracturing home may taste like bitter medicine, it remains the only path to restoration. The hard truth for many is a lack of awareness; too often, a man's focus remains so narrow that he neglects the primary yearning of a woman's heart—to be truly cherished.

This is not a mere personal observation; it is the firm testimony of the Word. To resist this standard is to engage in a spiritual struggle not with the messenger, but with the Creator. We find the root of our current era's turbulence in 2 Timothy 3:1-2: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves." This inward turn is the architect of our ruin. To counter this, the mandate for the Christian man is clear and outward-facing: "Husbands, love your wives" (Colossians 3:19).

How The Bible Defines True Love

To grasp the magnitude of authentic love, one must observe it against the backdrop of its opposite. The "perilous times" mentioned by the Apostle Paul are fueled by the cracked foundation of a selfish heart, where a man's devotion is reserved strictly for his own reflection. It is a hollow, brittle existence that eventually crumbles under the weight of its own ego.

In stark contrast, Philippians 2:2-5 provides the most profound portrait of love ever penned. It calls for a harmony of mind and a unity of spirit: "Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." This is the polarizing shift from self-preservation to self-sacrifice.

Jesus Christ Is A Package Of Pure Love

Jesus Christ stands as the archetype of true masculinity. Every man who aspires to strength and honor finds his blueprint in the Savior. The scriptural challenge is direct: we are to adopt the very mindset of Christ. If a man intends to meet the deep-seated need of his wife to be loved, he must look to how Christ holds the Church. He is called to construct a sanctuary around her heart, modeled after the One who "loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25).

Consider the focus of Christ during His final hours. As He hung suspended between heaven and earth, His thoughts did not recoil inward toward His own agony. From the first moment of His crucifixion to His final breath, He spoke seven times, and each word was a testament to his outward devotion. He petitioned for the forgiveness of His executioners and offered the hope of Paradise

to a dying thief. He looked down with a son’s tenderness to comfort His mother and provided for the future of His disciple.

Even in His cry of "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me!" we see His eternal desire for the Father. His mention of thirst served to fulfill the ancient prophecies, and His final triumphant cry, "IT IS FINISHED!" was the announcement of a mission accomplished for the sake of others. In contrast, the unredeemed thief hanging beside Him could only shout for his own skin: "If thou be Christ, save thyself and us" (Luke 23:39). One man was consumed by his own survival; the other was consumed by the salvation of the world.

This is the standard for a husband’s affection. It is a "lowliness of mind" that regards his wife’s needs as more significant than his own. He does not fixate solely on his own interests but keeps his gaze fixed on her well-being. This is the ultimate demonstration of the love Paul described—a love that finds its zenith on the Cross. By examining the Savior’s final words, we glimpse the noble character required of a man. It is a high and holy principle that transforms a marriage from a contract of convenience into a reflection of the Divine.

How A Woman Can Truly Love A Man

Within the shelter of a man’s self-sacrificing devotion—a love that constructs a secure roof and unyielding walls—a woman similarly embraces the discipline of self-denial to love her husband with sincerity. The Scriptures provide the blueprint for this devotion: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22).

Before this ancient counsel stirs a sense of modern unrest, consider the deeper landscape of the heart. What woman would not discover a profound, restful joy in yielding to a man who mirrors the sacrificial love of Christ? There is a quiet, steadying thrum in a woman's chest when she realizes her husband’s primary drive is to protect her peace and cultivate her happiness, even at the expense of his own. This is the marrow of true affection—the deliberate choice to elevate the needs of another above one’s own. A husband is called to "please his wife" (1 Corinthians 7:33), just as a wife seeks the specific avenues to "please her husband" (1 Corinthians 7:34). This reciprocal grace forms the circle of love; it is the glowing hearth that warms every corner of the home.

The Word further instructs, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21). This command necessitates a mutual bending of the will, touching both the man and the woman. Submission is not a loss of identity, but an active, breathing expression of love. In this context, submission and humility are carved from the same stone; they serve as the enduring mortar that binds the household into a unified whole. To submit is to offer the seat of honor to the other. Both husband and wife are invited to carry this quiet, powerful posture toward one another.

What Is The Cure For Strife?

The resolution for a soul seeking tranquility remains closer than the frantic mind suggests, anchored in a piece of ancient, weathered wisdom: "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." Philippians 2:3.

Visualize conflict as a gale rattling the shutters of a home. It gathers strength when two people plant their feet, obsessed with defending their own perimeter while barring the door against concession. In this posture, a person treats their own requirements as the sole foundation of the house, growing bewildered when their partner fails to dismantle their own life to reinforce it.

Pause and consider a different architecture: why not construct a sanctuary for the other by prioritizing their burdens over your own? When both individuals cultivate this quiet, self-sacrificing devotion, they frame a middle ground—a shared shelter where both find rest. We are called to honor the principle of charity even when it demands we step out of the warmth of our own preferences to ensure another is shielded. There is a profound, echoing truth in the idea that "Only by love is love awakened." Your covenant is a vow to guard this holy enclosure until the breath leaves your body.

Desire -vs- Love

Modern screens, melodies, and narratives have long sold a blueprint that invites structural failure, conditioning women to believe their primary worth lies in being pursued. This is a subtle sabotage of the spirit, a hollow imitation of the genuine article; the truth is that a woman’s soul hungers to be cherished, not merely hunted. A chasm exists between being a fleeting preoccupation and being the permanent inhabitant of a man's heart. The exhausting race to remain "desired" has left many women feeling like a vacant property—entered, occupied for a season, and subsequently discarded.

Countless women have retreated into the cold conclusion that authentic devotion is a myth, a cynicism that serves a dark purpose. While most have felt the sudden, searing heat of a man’s interest, that fever is not the same as love. Raw desire acts as a flash fire; it roars with a blinding light but provides no lasting embers for the winter. Physical attraction serves as a necessary threshold, yet in the labor of building a home of substance, a handsome facade cannot support the weight of the roof.

Affection anchored solely in physical gratification is impulsive, unseeing, and prone to wreckage. When a man is tethered by the heavy links of such infatuation, his ears often go dull to the voice of wisdom. He fails to notice he is mixing his mortar with sand. Integrity, truth, and the higher faculties of the mind are frequently dragged into the service of his impulses.

Genuine love is no such wildfire; instead, it is a hearth fire—steady, deep-seated, and nourishing. It gazes past the fresh paint on the walls to appreciate the integrity of the beams beneath. It is discerning and patient, offering a devotion that does not crack under pressure. When love is elevated from the basement of instinct, it becomes a spiritual force expressed through intentional movement and tempered speech. A Christian should carry a sanctified gentleness, a grace that

sands down the jagged edges of irritability and replaces a sharp tongue with the softness found in *The Garden Enclosed*.

How, then, do two souls transition from a flickering spark to a sustained, mature flame? "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." 1 Peter 3:7.

The path forward requires dwelling together only after a deliberate assessment "according to knowledge," remembering that "Charity suffereth long," 1 Corinthians 13:4. Authentic love honors God, honors one's heritage, and honors the partner by inspecting the bedrock before moving in. It waits for the sanctity of the marriage bed. This selfless devotion is a slow build; it refuses to be rushed by the pulse or the panic of being alone. It peers through the surface and finds its pulse in character alone.

God Desires To Inspire Men To Love

Let us return to the blueprints of the original Design, where both the natural world and sacred revelation speak of the Architect's intent. Through both the Word and the world, God seeks to draw men into a rhythm of love for Him and for one another. Woman stands as the final, crowning signature of creation, fashioned to stir a protective, sheltering instinct within a man's spirit.

Marriage remains the solitary institution to survive the fall from the first garden. God's intent for this union is for a man to mirror the character of Christ, practicing a rugged, self-denying devotion toward his wife—the same relentless care Jesus extends to her. No greater fulfillment exists for a man and woman than to host a heavenly affection within their own four walls, save for the moment they encounter the person of Christ Himself.

The Example of Jesus

Consider the life of the Nazarene during the quiet hours of the evening, and allow this image to settle into your mind. Envision a man who would dedicate His entire existence to cultivating your well-being and joy. Picture Him at a carpenter's bench, shoulders set in a steady rhythm as he labors for hours, his skin glistening with the salt of honest toil, simply to sustain His widowed mother. Imagine Him withdrawing into the wilderness to fast for forty days, His physical frame thinning while His mind remained anchored to the single hope of an eternity spent in your company.

He was a traveler who traversed hundreds of miles, journeying from one dusty hamlet to the next, with every deliberate step serving as a search for you. He moved without the certainty of a welcome; even after He tracked you down to declare His devotion, the possibility remained that you might bolt the door against Him. Yet, His thoughts never wavered from the desire to share His sanctuary with you forever.

In this pursuit, He endured mockery and betrayal, eventually standing exposed upon a Roman Cross with a back deeply furrowed by the Roman scourge. Even as the nails were driven home, He possessed no guarantee of your reciprocation; He only held the unwavering conviction of His own love. He sacrificed years of His life in a search that might have proven fruitless, yet He pressed on. Compelled by an affection for you that transcended reason, He traveled any distance and surrendered every breath to offer you His heart.

I want to remind the men reading that this serves as the divine blueprint for how we must cherish our wives. For the women: if a man offered you a devotion of this magnitude, how would it resonate within you? Would you not move heaven and earth to reflect that love back to him? Truly, no earthly romance can eclipse the standard Christ established for His bride, the church.

Jesus operates with the grace of a true gentleman; He is observant, kind, and an exceptional listener. He remains steadfast even when the object of His affection is at her lowest ebb. He does not harbor bitterness; He cleanses with forgiveness. He stands as a patient, unmovable pillar—a stability every man must emulate to truly support a woman. He does not seek to loom over you in pride but chooses to kneel, washing your feet in a gesture of profound humility. Every man could find a transformation in that lesson! Husbands should love their wives with a willingness to serve, perhaps starting with the simple, attentive care of a massage to ease the tension in her shoulders or feet.

Jesus remains perpetually vigilant, inclining His ear to the church's whispers even in the deep silence of the night. Similarly, men should cultivate the habit of listening to their wives' hearts, striving to grasp the weight of their feelings. Upon approaching Jerusalem, Jesus wept openly. Men should not recoil from such vulnerability; sharing one's internal world with a wife is a strength, not a defect. This does not imply a man should seek the maternal coddling he might have lacked as a child—that would be an unfair burden on a spouse and a distortion of the marital bond.

The Masculinity of Jesus

There is a different facet of this house we must inspect when we study the character of Christ. While He is sacrificial in His affection, there is nothing weak or vacillating about Him. Jesus is a King and a Leader. In exchange for His life-giving love, He expects the loyal obedience of those who follow Him.

Brothers and sisters, before we proceed, recall the shifts in our cultural landscape over the last century. We can surely agree that forces have been at work to rattle the very foundations of the family unit. Whatever this current may be, we must face it with clear eyes and the courage to resist, lest our homes be swept away by the tide.

One fracturing force in the modern world is the inversion of roles where a woman seeks to command the household. Ladies, you desire a man who allows you to feel truly feminine, do you not? In the same vein, men thrive when they are permitted to feel masculine. When a woman attempts to exert control over a man, his strength withers under the pressure. Conversely, a woman cannot find rest in her femininity if her husband retreats and cowers before her like a child seeking a mother's approval.

The Example of Abraham and Sarah

Abraham was a man of profound faith, and Sarah was his godly counterpart. God selected Abraham to father a nation for a specific reason: "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD" (Genesis 18:19). Abraham led, and Sarah became the mother of the faithful. Her conduct toward him was marked by a deep respect, as noted in 1 Peter 3:6: "Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord..."

A striking moment of decision-making occurred in their tent that serves as a vital lesson for us today. Sarah was deeply distressed and insisted on the departure of Abraham’s firstborn, Ishmael, and his mother, Hagar. This was an agonizing crossroads for Abraham. As the patriarch, the final weight of the decision rested solely on his shoulders, and Sarah waited for his leadership.

After seeking divine guidance, Abraham followed through with Sarah's request. Did he relish the choice? No. He held a deep affection for his son and felt the weight of responsibility for Hagar. Yet, he made the difficult choice to set aside his own internal conflict to honor his wife’s needs. This is a profound model for modern marriage: leadership that prioritizes the welfare of the spouse.

The Scriptures describe the value of a "meek and quiet spirit," a quality God deems of great price. Holy women of old adorned themselves with this inner beauty, living in harmony with their husbands’ leadership (1 Peter 3:4-5). Furthermore, we are commanded to let all things be done with charity (1 Corinthians 16:14). Authority is never a license for coldness or abuse; rather, like Abraham, a man must use his position to elevate his wife's needs above his own.

Just as Jesus left the splendor of heaven to seek you in your poverty—allowing you the freedom to either embrace or reject Him—so too must a marriage function. A woman can reside in the same

house as her husband yet emotionally reject him by refusing to acknowledge his role as the leader of the home.

Only By Love Is Love Awakened

The heartbeat of *The Garden Enclosed* is this: "Only by love is love awakened." We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:19). Consider the moon; it possesses no light of its own, but reflects the radiance of the sun upon the dark earth. In that same light, a woman often reflects the quality of her husband's love—or the void where it should be—onto her household.

A woman's heart is like a vessel. It is either brimming with love, overflowing to those in her circle, or it is parched and empty. When a woman is starved of affection, the lack manifests as irritability, withdrawal, or a heavy spirit. But when her heart is filled by her husband's devotion, she becomes a source of compassion and warmth. A man who fails to replenish his wife's emotional reserves inevitably creates a climate of misery in his own home.

The man is the primary provider of love; the woman is the cherished recipient. When a man becomes preoccupied with himself, the woman feels the chill of neglect. Her reactions are often a desperate attempt to regain the attention and affection she requires. Many men fail to see that a woman's most fundamental requirement is to be truly, sacrificially loved.

Masculine and Feminine Roles

In our current era, these roles have been subtly flipped. Men have largely abandoned the art of being lovers, and consequently, women have lost the security of being cherished. In generations past, the family functioned as a reflection of the celestial order: the father provided the light, and the mother reflected that warmth to the children.

Today, the roles are often reversed. Men look to their wives for the maternal care they should have outgrown, while women shoulder the burden of leadership. The result is a cycle of frustration: angry, overwhelmed women and detached, passive men. This pattern only breeds a more fractured society. The remedy is a return to the original design—where men resume their role as devoted lovers and women are once again protected and adored.

God's Plan: The Husband, A Provider

"But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" (1 Timothy 5:8).

God's Plan: The Wife, A Homemaker

"That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:4-5).

Keep It Simple, Live Inside A Budget

Anchor your treasures in eternity. The teachings of Christ serve as a sharp rebuke to the hoarding of material wealth. Covetousness is a subtle but grave condition; the Bible warns that the grasping heart will find no inheritance in the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:10, Ephesians 5:5).

Tough Medicine For The Women

We have examined the responsibilities of the men; now, we must turn to the women. In the discourse on love in 1 Corinthians 13, we find that charity "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth." To me, this suggests that true love does not fixate on a partner’s flaws but dwells on their virtues.

Before the wedding, fascination reigns. There are tokens of affection, whispered conversations, and the "blindness" of romance where every quality seems filtered through rose-colored glass. We live in a bubble of our own desires, unwilling to let reality intrude.

Once the vows are spoken, that blindness fades. You discover your spouse has jagged edges, yet the desire to maintain the ideal remains. Slowly, the belief takes root that you can refine his behavior—that with enough "reminders," you can mold him into the man you imagined. When this fails, frustration mounts. Subtle hints evolve into persistent critiques until the air between you is thick with the tension of nagging.

Ask yourself: whose company do you crave? A person who makes you feel capable and respected, or someone who perpetually highlights your shortcomings? We all flourish under praise. Even children respond with greater effort when a parent expresses confidence in their potential.

Consider the "Builder’s Approach": "I see the effort you're putting into this, son. I believe in your talent. If you tackle this challenge, we'll celebrate together this weekend." Compare this to the "Destroyer’s Approach": "Your performance is unacceptable. Improve, or there will be consequences. Anyone could do better than this."

Both seek the same result, but the negative approach poisons the relationship. Praise and compliments are the magnets that draw two souls together. After marriage, if these turn into "constructive criticism," they begin to push those souls apart.

Love does not dwell on a vice; it celebrates the good. Even a marriage on the precipice of collapse can witness a miracle if nagging is replaced with genuine messages of confidence. There is not a man alive who does not want to be near a woman who believes in his potential and sees the best in him. The alternative is a house divided, where a man would rather dwell in a lonely corner of the roof than face a constant storm of contention (Proverbs 25:24).

Bitterness drives a man away, but grace acts as a steady invitation. Let him know you are his greatest advocate. A woman’s influence has the power to either dismantle a man or provide the foundation upon which he becomes truly great.

An Amazing Example Of Long-Lasting Love

Back in 1997, I sat in the living room of a minister and his wife whose lives had been intertwined for sixty-seven years. It was a rare privilege to be invited into their sanctuary for an afternoon, where they shared a staggering truth: they had not surrendered to a single argument in four decades. The claim fascinated me, sparking a need to understand the mechanics of such enduring harmony. I leaned in, asking if they ever truly grated on one another’s nerves.

"Of course we have," the husband replied, his voice steady with the weight of experience. I pressed him for their secret, desperate for the foundation of their peace. In that quiet space, he offered the most profound marital guidance I have ever encountered.

"When irritation begins to simmer," he explained, his weathered hand finding hers with deliberate tenderness, "we clasp our hands together and lower ourselves to our knees. We bring the friction directly to the Great Counselor in Heaven, remaining there until the tension in our chests dissolves and we find stillness with God and one another."

That wisdom resonated deeply within me. It was a practice born of humility that sustained them through a lifetime, and it holds the same transformative power for your relationship today.

Ladies, Respect Yourselves

Ladies, you desire a man who views you with true reverence, do you not? To invite that level of regard, one must first cultivate a quiet dignity that honors both your Creator and your heritage. Consider the visual narrative your attire composes for the world. There are, essentially, two distinct signals a woman may broadcast through her choices. A lack of discretion in dress suggests a fleeting value—a message that says, 'I am easily accessed and just as easily set aside.'

True modesty, however, conveys a far more compelling story. It whispers of a soul that is cherished and a heart that is worth the pursuit. It sets a standard, informing a man: 'If you wish to know me, you must first respect me; if you desire my presence, you must win my affection.' A woman of virtue makes it clear that the gift of her intimacy is reserved for the covenant of marriage. Which of these two stories do you wish to tell? Our Father in Heaven, whose wisdom far exceeds our own, offers us this guiding light: *'In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;'* 1 Timothy 2:9.

A Man’s True Desire

Let us observe the very architecture of life. Consider the journey of the biological spark toward the waiting egg. The moment one succeeds in its pilgrimage and finds its home, a protective barrier instantly encircles that egg, making it impenetrable to all others. This physical reality serves as a profound mirror for the deepest inclination of a man’s spirit.

When a man finds himself captivated by a woman, his ultimate goal is to find a dwelling place within her heart. Once he is welcomed there, he longs for a wall of devotion to surround her, ensuring that his place is singular and secure. A man rarely feels more aligned with his purpose than when he realizes he has earned the exclusive love of the woman he admires. He thrives when he knows that this bond was forged through the patient dance of courtship—a victory of character and persistent, romantic pursuit.

The wedding night represents the culmination of this journey, a triumph of the will and the heart that a man may not fully comprehend until the threshold is crossed. When two people guard their intimacy for that sacred union, they ignite a flame that can burn steadily for a lifetime. Conversely, when the physical is surrendered prematurely, that specific sense of achievement is stolen from him. He may have gained the proximity of her body, but he has bypassed the fortification of mutual respect that only comes through waiting.

Rock Or Sinking Sand

According to Christ, a home rests upon one of two foundations: the unyielding resilience of solid rock or the treachery of sinking sand. These represent a life of obedience to God or a life anchored in sin. To understand the gravity of our current drift, one only needs to look at the erosion of the marriage covenant. In the 1880s, a mere five percent of marriages ended in dissolution; today, that figure has climbed to half of all unions. During that previous era, the sanctity of the body was guarded with far greater reverence. Modernity often dismisses the restraint of the past, yet premarital intimacy remains a transgression against God's design. It acts as a foundation of silt, unable to support the weight of the life two people intend to build together.

You might argue, "But we truly love each other." The Scriptures, however, offer a sobering perspective. The Apostle Paul warns in Galatians 5:19-21 that those who persist in such practices will not inherit the Kingdom of God. We must remember that while Christ extended grace to the woman caught in the act, His mercy was paired with a clear directive: "Go, and sin no more." There is profound hope for those who turn away from the path, but we must be honest about where that path leads.

Consider the logic of the heart: if you truly cherish another soul, would you engage in an act that jeopardizes their eternal standing? Proverbs 6:32 notes that he who commits such an act lacks understanding and "destroyeth his own soul." Can we truly call it love if it neglects the eternal welfare of the beloved for the sake of a fleeting impulse? In the light of divine judgment, such actions are stripped of their romantic veneer. Love does not rush; it honors the wait for the marriage altar.

Loving The Unlovable

There are seasons when a spouse can feel less like a partner and more like an adversary. When friction turns to fire and arguments seem inescapable, we must look to the example of Stephen. As his detractors surrounded him, their hands weighted with stones, he did not reach for a defense or return their vitriol.

"And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." Acts 7:59-60.

Stephen’s focus remained outward, fixed on the souls of his persecutors rather than his own agony. This mirrors the "holy restraint" of Christ on the Cross. Jesus commanded us to love our enemies and to intercede for those who treat us with contempt (Matthew 5:44). If an argument erupts within the home, the remedy is found in the stillness of the Word rather than the heat of a retort.

- **1 Peter 3:9:** "Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing."

- **James 1:19:** "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath."

- **Proverbs 18:13:** "He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him."

- **Proverbs 21:23:** "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

- **Proverbs 15:1:** "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."

Conclusion

To restore the home, we must return to the divine order. Wives, there is a strength in allowing your husbands to lead the family with the dignity God intended. Men, it is time to set aside pride and cultivate a sacrificial devotion for your wives. The alternative is visible in the fractured world around us—the steady dismantling of the family unit.

The cultural archetypes often celebrated on our screens—characters who trade in sarcasm, selfishness, and mockery—mirror the "perilous times" described in 2 Timothy 3:1-4. We see a generation of "lovers of their own selves," lacking natural affection and preferring pleasure over the presence of God.

My heart aches for the state of the modern home, and surely the heart of Jesus grieves even more. I challenge every man to rise to the standard set by Christ. If you are blessed with a wife, devote yourself to her. Study the cadence of her voice to understand her feelings; anticipate her needs before she has to voice them. Be willing to endure discomfort and practice humility to ensure her peace.

Place her requirements above your own desires. Practice the art of forgiveness daily, ensuring the sun never sets on a lingering grudge. Carry one another’s burdens until they feel light. I encourage you to out-serve and "out-love" one another. Do not seek to tower over your mate; instead, bow your heart for the sake of the union. Walk together in the cool of the evening, study the Word side-by-side, and let your home become a sanctuary of prayer. Cherish the person God has placed by your side with a quiet, steady reverence. When the way forward seems unclear, simply love as He loved. Love, in its purest form, never fails.

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